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ASILOMAR!

I Think of Thee

The Asilomar summer conference for young people, coming this year from July 27th to August 3rd, promises to be exceptionally strong. The faculty includes a number of new leaders of outstanding ability, including Dr. Hugh Vernon White of Boston, who will give a course on "World Outlook," Dr. William C. Bell of Africa, who will tell the fascinating story of the "dark continent," Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento, who will give a course on "Social Action," Rev. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto, who will tell how creeds ought to be made, and a number of others of similarly high standing.

Dr. Gail Cleland, director of the conference insists that this year's program shall in no wise be an end in itself, but shall contribute directly to the work of the local churches. With this thought in mind, Rev. George E. Brown of San Mateo will conduct a course telling how to set up and conduct a live program for youth in a local church. Howard Conn will give a demonstration program of worship, using a phonograph, stereopticon pictures, and other accessories to embellish the message, Mrs. John Gregg will stage a missionary play, Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield will show the most effective way to use music and pageantry, while Dr. Cleland will conduct a seminar in which the members themselves set up their own program and work out their own conclusions. Dr. Harley H. Gill will serve as Chaplain of the conference.

A number of important questions are to come before the delegates for settlement. The West Bay Cacoypa group have precipitated some lively discussions and much study by their demand for a comprehensive year-round program for the young people of the state. Recent sessions of the Religious Education Committee and of the Cacoypa cabinet have devoted much attention to this challenge, and it is probable that some definite proposals for a well-integrated program and improved organization will come before the delegates. This year's conference may very well mark the beginning of a new chapter in the youth work of northern California.

The cost of the conference has been kept as low as possible, and while the total of $13.30 plus $2.00 for registration is not so low as many could wish, it does mean a reduction under the cost of many former conferences, and the facilities of Asilomar are exceptionally fine. Many groups of young people are meeting the problem of expense by raising special funds to assist their delegations. The last issue of "Asilomar Light" was filled with helpful ideas for raising such funds. As an example of what can be done, the Stockton group reported a profit of $40 on a "Fashion Show" presented recently for Asilomar benefit.

It is the earnest hope of the director that every church of our Northern California fellowship will send a delegation, and while some of the churches can send more young people than others, it is expected that every group will have representation. Certain of the pastors have stated emphatically their belief that the Asilomar training has meant a vital contribution to their youth program. Registrations should be sent to the Conference office as soon as possible; the registration fee of $2.00 must be increased to $2.50 after midnight, July 15th.

Questions regarding the conference should be addressed to Dr. Gail Cleland, 2000 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, or to Louis P. Neumann (promotional director) at 2139 Grant Street, Berkeley.

STRONG PROGRAM FOR CONGRESS

Advance copies of the program indicate that the Pacific Slope Congress, which is to be held in Tacoma, Wash., June 26th-28th, will be on a par with its predecessors, both in speakers and subjects to be discussed.

The Congress will open at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and in fifteen minutes will be down to work with an address on "The Idea of the Church" by Rev. Wilhelm Pauck, professor of church history at Chicago Theological Seminary. At subsequent sessions he will speak on "The Church's Victory over Rome," "The Making of a Christian Civilization," and "The Ideal of the Fellowship of Believers."

Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, former moderator of the National Council, and now president of the American Board, will give two addresses on "New England Congregationalism."

Dr. Wilhelm Pauck

Three devotional services will be conducted by Rev. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley, who will also give the closing address on Friday evening. His general theme is "The Church—Victorious."

"Congregationalism—Westward Ho," and "Pacific Slope Congregationalism" are the subjects of two addresses to be delivered by President Herman F. Swartz of Pacific School of Religion.

Rev. Hugh Vernon White, secretary of the American Board, will speak on "Two Crucial Issues for Christian Missions," and he will also be in charge of a luncheon discussion group on "Foreign Missions."

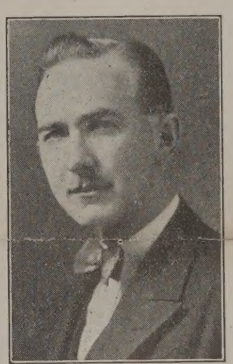
Rev. M. R. Boynton, pastor of the Bryn Mawr Church of Chicago, will represent the Home Missionary societies, speaking and leading a discussion group.

Professor Arthur E. Holt of the Chicago Theological Seminary, will do likewise for the Council for Social Action, and Rev. W. R. Kedzie of Chicago will speak for colleges and higher education.

"Mars Marches On," will be the theme of Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach, and Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton will speak on "The Personal Gospel, our Primary Past."

Miss Frances Clapp of Japan, Miss Gertrude Apel of Seattle, and Rev. Leonard M. Outerbridge are other speakers scheduled to be heard.

On Thursday evening there will be special dinner sessions for men, women and young people.



Rev. Leonard M. Outerbridge

There is no limit to the number of delegates. Each one is asked to pay a registration fee of one dollar. The sessions will be held in First Church, Tacoma, at Division and J Streets. Home entertainment with lodging and breakfast is offered free. Application should be made to Mrs. Lewis A. Hopkins, 2402 North Lawrence, Tacoma.

Beaches, woods, and mountains abound on all sides. An excursion to Paradise Lodge on Mount Rainier is planned for Saturday, June 29th.

Information as to transportation and parties planning to travel together may be had from Superintendent Harley H. Gill, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

Friends of Rev. William J. Minchin, former superintendent, will regret to learn that he suffered an accident several weeks ago, resulting in a broken ankle. He is well on the way to recovery at his home in Pilgrim Place, Claremont. He sends greetings to his many acquaintances.

AFTER 100 YEARS

In a recent issue of THE CONGREGATIONAL VERMONT there was an interesting article by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Mr. Buckham, who is the son of our own Dr. John Wright Buckham and a graduate of Pacific School of Religion, is pastor of the Congregational Church at North Bennington, Vt. Some months ago, through an exchange for a Sunday service with the pastor of the church at Chelsea, Mr. Buckham had the privilege of preaching from the pulpit once occupied by his great grandfather, Rev. James Buckham, who was installed in the Chelsea church in 1835. The building and pulpit which are in use today are the same as those of a hundred years ago.

SIXTY YEARS!

Founded in 1875 by Rev. Theodore T. Munger, First Church, San Jose, reached its sixtieth birthday recently and fittingly celebrated during a week of interesting events. The observance began on Sunday, April 28th, when fourteen members were received into church membership, most of them being young people who united upon confession of faith.

The birthday dinner, which has been an annual event for the past thirteen years, proved a most delightful affair. Nearly two hundred guests, including a considerable number of "old-timers," gathered about the beautifully decorated tables. Two of the three living charter members were present. Remembered as "the Kelly girls" they were Mrs. Cora Vale, who gave a bright and witty account of her girlhood memories of the church, and her sister, Mrs. Agnes Howe.

Stereopticon slides were shown of the founders of the church, the several houses of worship, and the ten pastors who have ministered during the sixty-year period. The slides were prepared and shown by Rev. Fred W. Morrison, a former pastor of the church and chairman of the arrangements committee as well as toastmaster at the dinner.

Greetings were read from friends now widely scattered and included messages from Dr. W. W. Willard and Dr. E. A. King, both former pastors of the church. Roy B. Thompson, for more than ten years director of the choir, returned for the dinner and gave a great deal of pleasure through the several solos which he sang.

Dr. Willard B. Thorp, pastor of First Church, Palo Alto, was the anniversary dinner speaker. He brought a strong message and left the company with an earnest look ahead as well as pleasant memories of the past.

The Sunday morning service on May 5th, with which the observance closed, was made notable by the presence of an ex-Moderator of the National Council as preacher. Dr. Carl S. Patton, preaching upon "What's a Church For?" combined a homely wisdom with a great inspiration that will make that service long remembered.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Benjamin Gould, reports an increase of interest in all departments of the church during the past year. Two fine groups of young people meet each Sunday evening. Sunday morning congregations have been well sustained during the spring months.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12-17 — Modoc-Trinity Young People's Camp.
June 26-28—Pacific Slope Congress of Congregational Churches, Tacoma, Wash.
July 6 - 13 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
July 27 - August 3 — Congregational Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
August 7 - 14 — Humboldt Young People's Conference.
October 15 - 17 — Annual Meeting Northern California Congregational Conference, Pioneer Church, Sacramento.

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SOME BETTER

The month of May showed an encouraging gain over May a year ago, and as a result the total for the first five months of the calendar year is about $1100.00 in excess of the same period in 1934. This is due to two factors: First, the special deficit fund which was given by individuals to close the fiscal year on March 31st free from debt, and also to more prompt remittances on the part of certain of our churches. This is all very encouraging when one considers the drop in the country as a whole, a notice of which appears in another column. We are deeply grateful for the loyalty and the attention which our friends give to this matter.

It will be appreciated if pastors and treasurers see that remittances are made promptly during June and July, because of the lean weeks which always come during the summer.

	May '35	Jan. 11 to My 31.'35	Jan. 11 to My 31.'34
Adin	$ 19.00	$ 60.00	$ 48.08
Alameda	.....	105.81	68.31
Alturas	.....	7.10	13.00
Angels Camp	.....	25.00	25.00
Antioch	.....	8.40	11.83
Auburn	.....	25.00	.....
Benicia	.....	13.00	27.00
Berkeley:			
First	541.66	2,166.65	2,580.50
North	.....	150.00	128.00
Park	.....	27.30	30.00
Campbell	13.50	63.50	150.00
Ceres	.....	.....	33.56
Cloverdale	6.50	46.73	29.77
Cotati	.....	28.00	9.50
Crockett	.....	29.33	12.50
Eureka	30.00	125.00	96.00
Fairfax	.....	15.00	20.00
Ferndale	....	58.16	78.25
Fowler	.....	.....	10.00
Fresno:			
First	54.60	237.80	258.12
Pilgrim	53.82	55.57	9.25
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	1.00
Grass Valley	.....	10.00	.....
Hayward	25.00	50.00	.....
Kenwood	.....	19.60	8.70
Likely	.....	5.00	1.32
Lockeford	.....	7.00	.....
Lodi, First	230.00	350.00	280.00
Loomis	10.60	29.95	.....
Martinez	16.72	66.42	32.50
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Niles	.....	22.20	.....
Oakland:			
Calvary	.....	.....	5.00
First	953.74	1,844.56	1,519.50
Fruitvale	.....	.....	1.00
Pilgrim	.....	.....	5.00
Plymouth	60.00	230.00	250.75
Oroville	10.00	75.00	100.00
Pacific Grove	63.09	151.34	152.55
Palo Alto	.....	150.00	260.00
Paradise	20.60	91.30	30.00
Petaluma	43.80	250.41	293.32
Pittsburg	.....	19.74	18.50
Port Chicago	.....	2.35	.....
Porterville	.....	.....	19.50
Redwood City	.....	100.00	100.00
Reedley:			
Finnish	.....	.....	14.00
Ripon	13.00	27.00	32.50
Sacramento	.....	137.70	147.05
Salida	.....	18.80	.....
San Carlos	.....	10.00	10.00
San Francisco:			
Beth. Msn Pk.	5.00	120.50	87.13
First	75.59	610.54	278.33
Ocean View	8.42	8.42	.....
Richmond	4.00	4.00	9.50
San Jose	50.00	275.00	265.00
San Leandro	.....	26.98	74.45
San Rafael	.....	.....	31.50
Santa Cruz	.....	180.00	165.00
Santa Rosa	28.30	96.35	69.35
Saratoga	.....	60.00	125.00
Sebastopol	18.07	79.31	90.97
Sonoma	.....	33.98	17.15
Soquel	.....	22.00	15.00
Stockton	68.57	207.92	272.32
Suisun	.....	45.00	47.00
Sunol	.....	.....	30.00
Tulare	.....	65.00	65.00
Weaverville	.....	15.00	30.00
Woodside	.....	.....	5.00
Reno, Nev.	73.67	156.78	89.45
Miscellaneous	41.79	262.79	171.07
Special Deficit Fund	5.00	825.05	.....
TOTAL	$2,544.04	$10,050.34	$8,899.08

HOW ONE MINISTER REPLIES

[Continuing the series of paragraphs by Rev. T. T. Giffen, in reply to excuses which people give for not joining the church, the PACIFIC is glad to add two paragraphs to the three published previously. These are clipped from the PLYMOUTH BULLETIN.]

4. "We are not good enough." People say this to me sometimes when I invite them to join the church. They say it in all sincerity and there is little to be said in reply. One hesitates to admit that membership in a Christian church carries with it no exacting standard of personal conduct. It ought to do so. I think it does. We have a right to expect that people who confess Jesus as the ideal of life will live better than those who reject Him. But we must remember that the church is composed not of those who have achieved perfection but of those who seek it. The church wants its members to live up to Jesus' ideal; it wants as members those who will try to do so even though like all of us they sometimes fail.

5. The Pastor's Personal Paragraph. "I do not agree with your theology." My reply always is that I don't either. Concerning many accepted theological doctrines, I have serious doubts; I don't agree with my own position of twenty years ago; I differ widely from many of my friends in Plymouth Church, from my closest friends in the ministry. With varying beliefs we find we can work happily together. A person who seeks to know the will of God and to live in the spirit of Jesus should make an acceptable member of Plymouth Church even though he disagrees with the ministry about the nature of diety or the meaning of immortality. I have often found myself in near agreement with the theological position of a person who has stayed outside the church because he supposed one with his views would not be an acceptable member. Many a person has told me that he doesn't believe what the church believes and when I have asked him to be specific he has cited some doctrine that he was taught forty years ago and which the church has long since discarded.

(Reprints of Dr. Giffen's answers to those who give excuses for not joining the church will be furnished by the Conference office at the cost of printing. Write for particulars.)

Prof. Hart Coming

Professor Honrell N. Hart of the Department of Social Ethics in Hartford Theological Seminary will be one of the speakers at the Institute of International Relations at Mills College June 26th-July 5th. On Sunday morning, June 30th, he will speak for Dr. Stanley Armstrong Hunter, the chairman of the Institute, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, College Avenue and Derby Street, Berkeley, at 11:00 a. m., and in the evening for Dr. Oswald W. S. McCall in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. The latter address will be broadcast by KRE.

After graduating from Oberlin College in 1910 he was civic secretary of the City Club of Milwaukee until 1919 when he was called to the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station where he remained until 1924. From 1924 to 1930 he was associate professor at Bryn Mawr. Since 1930 he has been professor of Social Ethics in the Hartford Theological Seminary. He is the author of "The Science of Social Relations" and "The Technique of Social Progress."

MRS. NOEL H. JACKS

Many readers of The Pacific will learn with sorrow of the passing of Mrs. Noel H. Jacks. For many years a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church in San Francisco, and later of the First Church, she was better known as Grace Goodhue. She was the daughter of James and Margaret Goodhue, members of Plymouth Church, who came to California in 1872. In 1927 she was married to Mr. Jacks. She passed away on March 3rd of this year.

REV. O. W. LUCAS

Funeral services for Rev. O. W. Lucas were conducted at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on May 15th. Mr. Lucas was in his 86th year. He was born in Ohio, spent his early life in that state, graduating from Oberlin College and Oberlin Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1883. His first pastoral work was in Oregon, where he chose missionary fields, first at Pendleton and then at Oregon City. In 1892 he came to California and was pastor of Fourth Church, Oakland (now Calvary), San Bernardino, and Pacific Grove. Since his retirement in 1905, he has made his home in Berkeley. For many years he continued to preach as supply pastor, and took an active interest in the Chinese and Japanese. His wife, Mrs. Harriet A. Lucas, who was active in denominational affairs, passed away six years ago, and he is survived by one daughter, Ethel Eudora Lucas.

Mr. Lucas was a man of rare charm and of Christian spirit. So long as health permitted, he took an active interest in the Ministers' Monday Club, the Bay Association, and the State Conference, and was always present at their sessions. He will be greatly missed by the large company of those who knew him.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Santa Clara Association met at Pacific Grove on May 8th. Officers for the coming year are: Moderator, Rev. George E. Brown of San Mateo; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jessie G. Heath of Soquel; Registrar, Dr. O. L. Elliott. The spring association of 1936 will be held at San Jose.

The Redwood Empire Association met with the Cotati Church on May 10th. Officers for the coming year are: Moderator, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell of Petaluma; Assistant Moderator, Rev. R. C. Day of Sonoma; Registrar, Rev. L. D. Rathbone. The next association meeting, which will be held in the fall, will be at Kenwood.

The Bay Association spring meeting was held at Pilgrim Church, Oakland, on Tuesday, May 7th. This was not the annual meeting, so there was no election of officers. Many splendid reports of progress were given by delegates and pastors.

ORDINATIONS

JOHN HINTON GREGG

At a very beautiful service at the Westwood Hills Congregational Church at Los Angeles, John Hinton Gregg was ordained to the Christian ministry on Thursday, May 23rd. Mr. Gregg spent a number of years of his youth in that church, serving in various capacities, including that of Sunday school superintendent, before coming to the Pacific School of Religion. His father and mother, and also the father and mother of Mrs. Gregg, are members of that church. Rev. George T. Simons of Manhattan Beach, Moderator of the Los Angeles Association, presided. Rev. E. E. Day of Whittier, the registrar, gave the statement concerning the examination. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton read the Scripture; the sermon was given by Rev. Raymond C. Brooks of Pomona College. Rev. Holland F. Burr of South Pasadena, offered the prayer of ordination; Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the charge to the candidate; and Rev. Allan A. Hunter of Mt. Hollywood Church, Los Angeles, extended the right hand of fellowship. The charge to the people was given by Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, pastor of the Westwood Hills Church, and was in the nature of a charge to the people who were sending out a minister rather than to a church accepting the leadership of a new pastor. Following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg received their friends in the church parlors.

For nearly three years Mr. Gregg has been in charge of the Arlington Avenue Fellowship House, Berkeley, while carrying full work at the Pacific School of Religion. He has been called as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Porterville, and will enter upon his duties August 1st.

SHINTARO NAKAYAMA

The San Joaquin Valley Association of Congregational churches and ministers met in adjourned session on May 15th, when Mr. S. Nakayama, pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church of Fresno, presented himself for examination. The Association voted unanimously to ordain, and the following program was carried through: Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the moderator, presided; Rev. G. L. Brakemeyer, the registrar, announced the result of the examination; Rev. J. J. Raugust read the Scripture. The sermon, which was in Japanese, was delivered by a former pastor of the church, Rev. Joseph Kukushima of Montebello. Rev. M. G. Papazian offered the ordaining prayer. Rev. Norman B. Henderson gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. G. L. Brakemeyer delivered the charge to the church, and Rev. Arthur L. Rice gave the right hand of fellowship.

Mr. Nakayama has been the faithful and effective pastor of the church during the past three years. In addition to his work in Fresno, he supervises Sunday schools at Madera and Del Rey. Our Northern California churches and ministers unite in congratulating the church upon his leadership and extend to him a welcome as a minister of Jesus Christ.

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TRINITY COUNTY. During the re-nt visit of Superintendent Gill for-ard steps were taken in each of three calities. At Weaverville a personal angelistic campaign was organized, ith ten or a dozen workers undertak-g solicitation. At Lewiston permis-on was secured from the school oard for the dismissal of school on riday afternoon once in two weeks, r the purpose of an hour of religious struction. During the earlier part the day pastoral work will be done y Rev. James D. Salmon, and a serv-e for adults will be held in the eve-ing.

At Hayfork special evangelistic eetings were held, and many per-onal calls were made, resulting in the e-establishing of the church, which as been in a state of disorganization r a number of years. Twenty-eight embers were enlisted. Mr. Salmon isits many other communities in the ounty as road conditions permit.

GUERNEVILLE. Rev. Ray S. Mil-er, recently from Idaho and now a tudent at Pacific School of Religion, as accepted the call to this church hich he will serve in connection with he Presbyterian Church at Monte Rio. uring the summer he will reside on he field. He is planning vacation hurch schools at both places, in addi-ion to regular services of worship.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, spent a few days in Springfield, Missouri, attend-ing the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and delivering the Com-mencement address at Drury College. During his absence Rev. Carl S. Patton preached at First Church.

TULARE. Seven new members were received at the Good Friday communion, three by letter and four on confession. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor, was greatly pleased with the response of the people during the lenten and Easter season.

OROVILLE. A total of fourteen persons attended the Sacramento Association at Loomis. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer spent one Sunday in Kansas preaching in the Congregational Church at Newton. In his absence ten young people had charge at Oroville.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Following the tradition of previous years, a beautiful concert was presented on May 22nd by members of the choir and assisting artists, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Fotheringham. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Building Society instalment and a three-year fire insurance premium were met by the church during May in heroic fashion. Rev. Reed B. Cherington gave the two Pacific Memorial addresses at Palo Alto May 30th.

ALTURAS. The young people of the church had entire charge of a Sunday service inaugurating Youth Week. The pastor, Rev. J. K. Ballou, occupied a seat in the audience.

ANTIOCH. A fine class of new members was received into the church at the May communion. Rev. Henry Stauffer is pastor.

LODI. Rev. E. T. Sherman has been preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on "Youth and the Homes of Tomorrow." Among the themes discussed are "Marriage and its Meaning," "Falling in Love Intelligently," and "Inter-Marriage—Protestant and Catholic." Dr. Alma Locke Cooke was the speaker at the morning service on May 26th. The parsonage is receiving a much-needed coat of paint, the money for which is provided by the women of the church.

PACIFIC GROVE. This church entertained the Santa Clara Association, at which about 75 registered guests were present. A school of missions, with classes for juniors, senior-intermediates, and adults, has begun during the vesper hour Sunday evenings. Following this an illustrated lecture is given in the church auditorium. Teachers and officers of the Sunday school get together at a supper once a quarter to plan their work. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. Fourteen new members have been welcomed into the church. A feature of interest on the first Sunday in June was the twenty-third annual reunion of the choir. Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor, believes in large subjects for sermons. Here is one, "Recent Happenings in Alameda and in the Nation."

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The Men's Club has paid for the completion of new curb and gutter around the church property. This is a very much-needed improvement. Under the leadership of Rev. J. H. McCartney, pastor, a series of conferences have been held regarding plans for reducing the church debt.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Fifteen new members have been added to the church by confession of faith during the month of May. Through the co-operation of the church and the Conference a more adequate financial support for the minister has been provided. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is pastor.

SARATOGA FEDERATED CHURCH. Eleven new members were received on the Congregational roll within this church at the May Communion, nine on Confession of Faith and two on Re-Confession; five of them adults and six in the "teen age."

SUNNYVALE. Rev. Charles G. Marshall, pastor, is happy over the success of Once-a-Month Family Night in his church. These are very well attended. Such speakers as Dr. J. J. Banninga and Dr. Alma Locke Cooke have been there recently.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A cradle roll department has been started, with eight babies thus far enrolled. The director is now the Reverend John H. Gregg, having been ordained in Los Angeles May 23rd.

SOQUEL. This church, instead of having missionary aid as it did for many years, now has a goal of $100 for missionary giving. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. During the six-year pastorate of Rev. H. S. Mahood, 334 new members have been received into the church.

BIG VALLEY. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is rapidly becoming the pastor of the entire valley. In the last Pacific it was announced that Bieber was opened to his leadership. In the report for May it appears that a delegation from Lookout, which has had no services for many months, has now asked him to come once in two weeks. This makes a total of four preaching stations.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A progressive forum is held on Sunday evenings in the church auditorium. Recently a dramatic broadcast on "The Clash Between Alcohol and Automobiles" was presented. At both services on Memorial Sunday patriotic organizations were guests. Rev. James B. Orr, the pastor, participated in different patriotic programs in connection with the observance of Memorial Day.

SACRAMENTO. Twenty young people united with the Young People's Church on Mother's Day. The church is looking forward to the coming of a young people's director in the autumn. A mother-and-daughter luncheon was held on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, recently exchanged pulpits with Rabbi Goldberg of the Jewish Synagogue.

OAKLAND PLYMOUTH. During the extended vacation of the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pulpit is being supplied by the following ministers: Dr. F. J. Van Horn, Mr. George N. White, Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, Dr. Herman F. Swartz, Dr. Noel J. Breed, Dr. J. W. Buckham, Dr. H. H. Gill, Rev. Horton Colbert, Rev. Huber Burr, Rev. Williston Wirt, Rev. John H. Gregg, Dr. Hugh Vernon White, and Rev. W. W. Furze.

PESCADERO. Rev. Victor H. Morgan, the pastor, presided at a splendid community sunrise service on Easter.

"THE FIRST SEVENTY YEARS"

The office of the Pacific is in receipt of a ninety-six page book, beautifully covered, entitled, "Seventy Years." It is a souvenir volume published in honor of the seventieth birthday of our beloved Rev. M. G. Papazian. The birthday was celebrated in February of this year, and at the time the Pacific carried a notice of it. The volume is richly illustrated, with pictures of the Papazian family and many friends. It is largely in the Armenian language but contains a number of letters of greeting in English and a Thanksgiving sermon preached at a union service of Fresno churches on November 29th of last year.

Will It Continue?

Encouragement and disappointment both result from the reading of the first report of apportionment receipts for the country as a whole for the period January to April, inclusive. The discouragement comes from the fact that for the entire country there is a further drop in benevolence giving amounting to 18 per cent. The encouragement comes from the fact that a number of states have made notable gains. As noted in the last issue of The Pacific, due to the special deficit fund which our people so generously raised, Northern California was about $700 ahead of the previous year.

PLANS FOR PEACE PLEBISCITE

The General Council at Oberlin passed a resolution calling for a Peace Plebiscite to be held in all of our churches on or near Armistice Sunday. The plan for carrying out this vote was committed to the Council for Social Action.

A pamphlet entitled "Prepare for the Peace Plebiscite!" will be sent to pastors about September 1st from the Conference office. The Conference will also send ballots later in the month. It is hoped that pastors and local committees will immediately take steps to see that all members are thoroughly informed.

There are five alternatives on which members will vote. They range between the extreme statements "I believe that I can contribute to the cause of peace: By bearing arms in or otherwise supporting any war declared by my government," and "By refusing to bear arms in and by otherwise opposing any war declared by my government." There are three intermediate alternatives. It was the hope of the General Council that every church, and as far as possible every individual member might be included in this vote.

Helps for Plebiscite

Churches desiring to prepare for the Peace Plebiscite in the autumn are urged to secure copies of a booklet by Dr. John L. Lobingier entitled, "Is War the Way." It is a six-session course for individual reading or for study groups, and suitable for young people and adults. The author has not tried to give a solution for all the peace problems but raises the question: Is war the way? in such a manner as to become very vital to the reader. It is in paper cover, priced at 25 cents, and may be secured from the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building.

CHURCH FINANCE

The Commission on Stewardship of the General Council has issued an eight-page leaflet of convenient size, entitled "Financing the Local Church for Kingdom Building." It discusses in brief statements the "Financial Officers for a Local Church," the "Personnel of the Department of Finance," the "Duty of the Department of Finance," the "Duties of Financial Officers," and "Suggested Financial Policy for Local Churches." Pastors would do well to secure enough copies for boards of trustees and every member canvass committees. They can be secured from the General Council office, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, at 5 cents a copy or 50 cents a dozen.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by MRS. W. C. BLASDALE

VACATION

There will be no meeting of the Executive Committee until September 19th as the members will be widely scattered during the summer months. Our very best wishes and prayers go with Mrs. Frank J. Greene as she leaves early in June to take part in a family reunion at her ancestral home in Vermont.

MAY MEETING NOTES

The devotional service was led by Mrs. A. Mosekian, formerly of Armenia and now of Bethany Church, Oakland. She spoke of the joy and helpfulness of Christian fellowship in the Federation, which has its roots in the love of our master, Jesus Christ. Using the verse, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," she said that of all the many leaders and teachers who have said "follow me" Jesus alone has been a Saviour as well, and still is the everlasting Christ and Saviour. As the secret of Jesus' life was prayer, so we by abiding in Him, through prayer, find Him the source of rest and strength.

In closing the series of talks arranged by our president on the general subject, "What May Be Expected of Our Officers," Mrs. E. W. Benedict discussed the duties of the president, and Miss Katherine Denman those of the commissioner. Mrs. Benedict likened the Federation to a ship whose captain is the president, whose duties therefore are to determine the course and to direct the crew. "This fine organization is due," she said, "to a succession of capable presidents, who, sailing the ship, now on foreign seas and now up inland rivers, have ever realized that it is the 'set of the sail and not the gale' that determines the course."

Miss Denman stressed the thought that much of the interest and the response of the local church women to the work of the Federation depends upon the commissioner, who should be the live wire connecting the two groups. If she reports regularly and adequately (her report is often times overlooked!) she could make her church feel the friendliness and catch some of the inspiration of the larger group, and she might even widen the interests of her church in world affairs by reviewing the addresses that our statesmen-like missionaries and other speakers give us.

This Ought Ye to Have Done, AND NOT—

Miss Helen Perkins, Home Secretary, sends the following item about the M. E. M. conference at Asilomar: As churches and individuals, we have have been bending our energies to send our young people to the Young People's Conferences at Asilomar. Let us not abate our efforts an iota. But let us remember that it is vitally necessary, if we are to accomplish anything ourselves for the Missionary Movement, that we should receive new inspiration from time to time. Information we can get from our study books, but inspiration only from personal contacts. **We must send ourselves** to the M. E. M. Conference at Asilomar. At least one delegate from each of our larger churches should be our aim. As for smaller churches or communities, let us remember that the work is entirely interdenominational, and denominations may pool their resources and send one to report to all of them in turn.

Reservations should be made in advance with Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 222 Moncada Way, San Francisco. Registration fee is $2.50, sent any time to Mrs. Blosser.

Cost for seven days, July 6th-13th, board and room, two in a room:

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Guest Inn (heat in lobby) 17.60
Lodge or Scripps Hall (heated) 22.10

By a slight additional payment a room alone may be secured. The Southern Pacific Railroad is making a round-trip rate of 85 per cent of the usual one-way fare.

THE NEW TURKEY

At the regular meeting of the executive committee on May 22nd the guest speaker was Rev. Paul E. Nilson, who has served under the American Board for twenty-three years in Turkey. He sketched for us some of the marvelous changes which have taken place in that country within the last fifteen years.

In 1921 when the great powers were planning the division of Turkey and their armies were in the field, a great Turkish leader, Mustapha Kemal Pasha, arose and saved Turkey for the Turks. Today the nation is advancing by mighty strides in industry and popular education, and is welded together by loyalty and respect and trust in its leader and his government. The first great accomplishment of Mustapha Kemal Pasha was the establishment of the Republic in 1923. Then followed the separation of Church and State with the abolition of the Caliphate. The Moslem religious laws and the religious calendar were set aside, and European laws and clothing adopted, also western numerals, the Roman alphabet, and the metric system. Stringent laws were enacted controlling the opium and narcotic traffic, and treaties of commerce and peace made with neighbor nations. Last year suffrage was granted to women, and seventeen women have been elected to the Grand National Assembly. The world rightly honors the Republic of Turkey and its leader for the great progress made in these few years along so many lines.

Some years ago the government granted the permit for the American School at Talas, as a "Life" school; that is, a school where Turkish students may learn how to make a living in the world. Here, in a five-year high school course, Mr. Nilson is directing the study of the various trades, commercial subjects and English. All the boys learn to typewrite in English as well as Turkish, as the use of English is becoming more general throughout the country.

Recently the Columbia Broadcasting System announced that it would discontinue the "horror" serials for children and would have all future children's programs passed on by a competent child psychologist; would curtail sharply the advertising sales talk and would discontinue advertising certain products of questionable medical value. The Northern California Council for Social Action unanimously voted to send a letter of commendation to the Columbia System for this constructive leadership.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH AND THE NEW WORLD

The movement, "Christian Youth Building a New World," has caught the imagination of young people. New purpose has been put into our programs. A new unity among local and national groups is being developed. The Pilgrim Fellowship is throwing all its resources into the development of this project and the work of the next church year is planned to center in the nine projects which have been adopted for this movement.

Some excellent new materials are being issued. By the time this appears in print the following publications will be available through the Pilgrim Press.

A General Guide to Youth Action, H. T. Stock. A booklet of sixty to eighty pages, which provides discussion and project outlines, together with resources, for each of the nine projects: developing a program of personal religious living, helping other young people to be Christians, assisting in bringing about world peace, working to help solve the liquor problem, helping build a Christian economic order, providing a constructive use of leisure time, being Christian with other racial and cultural groups, preparing for marriage and home life, developing a Christian type of patriotism. This is the basic booklet and provides sufficient material for months of work. It is to be issued on a non-profit basis, and the price will be twenty-five cents.

Group Action in Building a New World, P. R. Hayward. A discussion of how a leader in a local church may take hold of this program in class, department, or society. Price, fifteen cents.

Youth Action in Personal Religious Living. Prepared by a group of young people's leaders in Philadelphia. A brief discussion of how to use the Bible, of the method of daily devotions and other ways of strengthening one's personal religious life. Fifteen cents.

Youth Action in Building a Warless World, I. G. Paulsen. Suggestions of what young people may do. Fifteen cents.

Youth Action in Breaking Down Barriers, H. I. Donnelly. Discussion of racial problems and possible courses of action. Fifteen cents.

Is War the Way? J. L. Lobingier. An excellent study and project booklet for young people of the high school age and above. Prepared specifically for summer conference and local church use among our own young people. Twenty-five cents.

Follow Me. This is a booklet of daily devotions, to be issued monthly. Orders should be sent to the Pilgrim Press. A page of material for each day. Scripture, prayer, paragraph for meditation. Written specifically for young people, by leaders of various denominations. Single issue, ten cents. Year's subscription, seventy-five cents. Five or more annual subscriptions to one address, sixty cents each.

Christian Youth in Action, F. W. Herriott. The M. E. M. book for young people this year is a collection of chapters which deal with phases of "Christian Youth Building a New World." The book is a mine of information as to what young people are doing and can do. Cloth, one dollar; paper, sixty cents.

All leaders of young people should have Bulletin 53 (five cents, from the Young People's Department, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.) It gives further details about the movement. And each issue of "The Pilgrim Highroad" deals with phases of the program (A sample copy, free, from the Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. or 19 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.)

Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, will be glad to secure any of the above publications for you.

THE SOUL OF MARTYRS—

The following are the concluding words of the letter which was sent by Armenian leaders to the King of Persia in answer to his invitation to accept fire worship and forget Christianity:

"From this belief (Christianity) no one can move us, neither angels nor men, neither fire nor sword, nor water, nor any other harried torture, however they be called. All our goods and our possessions are before thee; dispose of them as thou wilt, and if thou only leave us to our belief, we will here below choose no other lord in thy place, and in heaven no other God but Jesus Christ, for there is no other god save only Him.

"But shouldest thou require something beyond this great testimony, behold our resolution: Our bodies are in thy hands—do with them according to thy pleasure; tortures are thine, and patience ours; thou hast the sword, we the neck; we are nothing better than our forefathers, who for the sake of their faith resigned their goods, possessions and life. Do thou, therefore, inquire of us nothing further concerning these things, for our belief originates not with men, we are not taught like children, but we are indissolubly bound to God, from whom nothing can detach us, neither now, nor hereafter, nor forever and ever."

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